

US Army Corps of Engineers. Philadelphia District

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REGULATORY BRANCH

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments and recommendations from the public concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for the work described below.

APPLICANT:

Manasquan River Yacht Club

AGENT:

Aqua-Terra Environmental, Inc

1086 ½ Laurel Terrace Brielle, New Jersey 07719

WATERWAY: Manasquan River

LOCATION: The proposed project site, Manasquan River Yacht Club, is located approximately 0.23 miles west of the Route 35/Manasquan River Bridge at 405 Riverview Lane, Block 73.01, Lots 5 & 5.01, Brielle, Monmouth County, New Jersey. See attached location map.

ACTIVITY: The applicant proposes to perform maintenance dredging, by hydraulic method, within their existing yacht club basin as shown on the proposed plan to restore adequate water depth for mooring and navigation. The applicant is applying for a 10-year maintenance dredging permit. The applicant has been authorized in the past for the same activity under CENAP-OP-R-89-1524-15. The proposed dredging area constitutes the marina basin and a 30 foot wide by 250 foot long access channel to the Manasquan River (see attached project plans). The total area proposed to be authorized for dredging is approximately 1.31 acres. The total amount of sediment to be removed is approximately 8,000 CY per dredging event. The dredged sediment is proposed to be piped into an existing approved New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Confined Disposal Facility (CDF), known as Gull Island. The applicant has concurrently submitted an application to the NJDEP for state approval, Permit No. 1308-08-0003.1. The transport piping will cross the Manasquan River from the Manasquan River Yacht Club en route to Gull Island. The sediment transport pipe will traverse the Manasquan River along the bottom of the channel, rising back to the surface once it reaches a safe distance away from the channel. The decant water generated from the dredging event will be held within the CDF for a minimum of a twenty four (24) hour period prior to discharge. All decant water shall be discharged into Wills Hole Thorofare by means of the CDF weir structure. Gull Island is located approximately 0.5 miles to the east of the Manasquan Yacht Club in the Manasquan River, Point Pleasant, Ocean County, New Jersey.

Dredging will be conducted to a maximum of -7.0 feet below mean low water (MLW). All dredge limits are to remain as shown on approved plans for a period of 10-years. The applicant is concurrently applying for a state permit from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the proposed dredging project. The Manasquan River Yacht Club has submitted and received previous authorization for maintenance dredging within the yacht club basin and channel area under file no. CENAP-OP-R-1990-0885-15.

The application also includes a request to authorize, after-the-fact, two (2) existing boat lift davits and 316 square feet of existing dock extensions that were not previously permitted. The boat davits, which are located in uplands adjacent to the bulkhead, require authorization from this office for operation over jurisdictional waters.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The applicant's stated purpose for the project is to restore adequate water depths for navigability in the marina area of the yacht club including the river access channel.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not have a substantial affect on listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the activity's probable impact including its cumulative impacts on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs and welfare of the people. A Department of the Army permit (or modification) will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Comments on the proposed work should be submitted, in writing, within 15 days to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390.

Review of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties or properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located within the permit area of the work.

As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). A preliminary assessment of the species listed in the "Guide to Essential Fish Habitat Designations in the Northeastern United States, Volume IV: New Jersey and Delaware," dated March 1999, and the "National Estuarine Inventory Data Atlas, Volume 1: Physical and Hydrologic Characteristics," dated November 1985, indicates that the proposed work would not have a substantial adverse effect on any managed or anadromous species. However, to help minimize potential impacts to protect listed species, it will be recommended that dredging not occur between January 1st and May 31st of any given year as a conservation measure.

In accordance with Section 307(c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, applicants for Federal Licenses or Permits to conduct an activity affecting land or water uses in a State's coastal zone must provide certification that the activity complies with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. The applicant has stated that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved State Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. No permit will be issued until the State has concurred with the applicant's certification or has waived its right to do so. Comments concerning the impact of the proposed and/or existing activity on the State's coastal zone should be sent to this office, with a copy to the State's Office of Coastal Zone Management.

In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, a Water Quality Certificate is necessary from the State government in which the work is located. Any comments concerning the work described above which relate to Water Quality considerations should be sent to this office with a copy to the State.

The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Any person may request, in writing, to the District Engineer, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state in writing, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

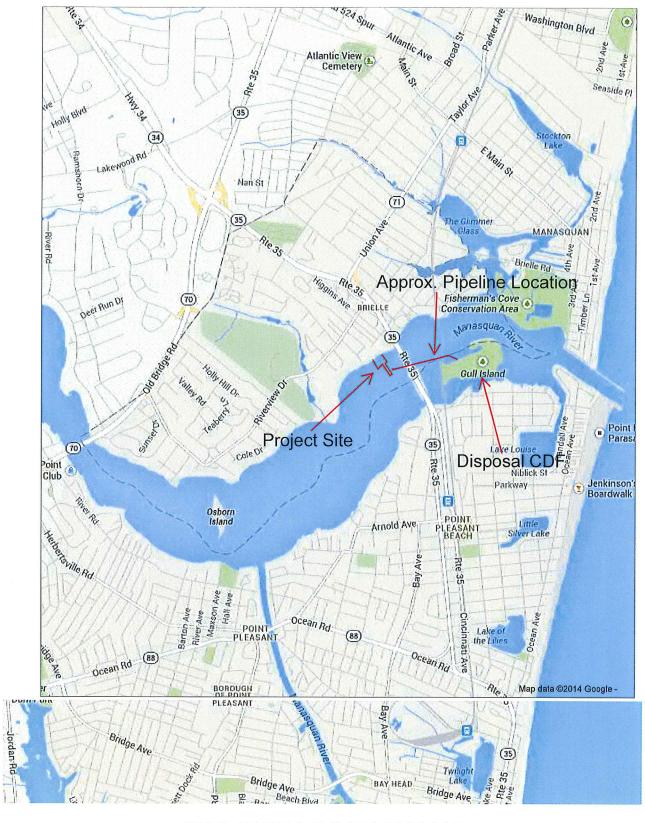
Additional information concerning this permit application may be obtained by contacting Peter Romano at (215) 656-6729, or email at peter.t.romano@usace.army.mil, or writing to this office at the above address.

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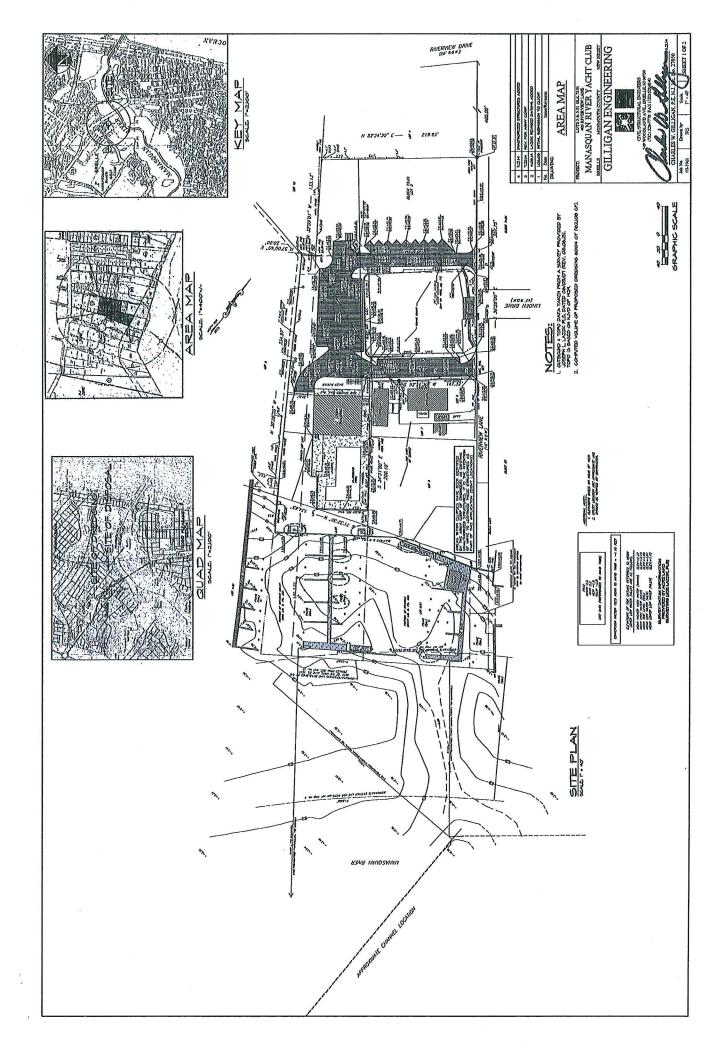
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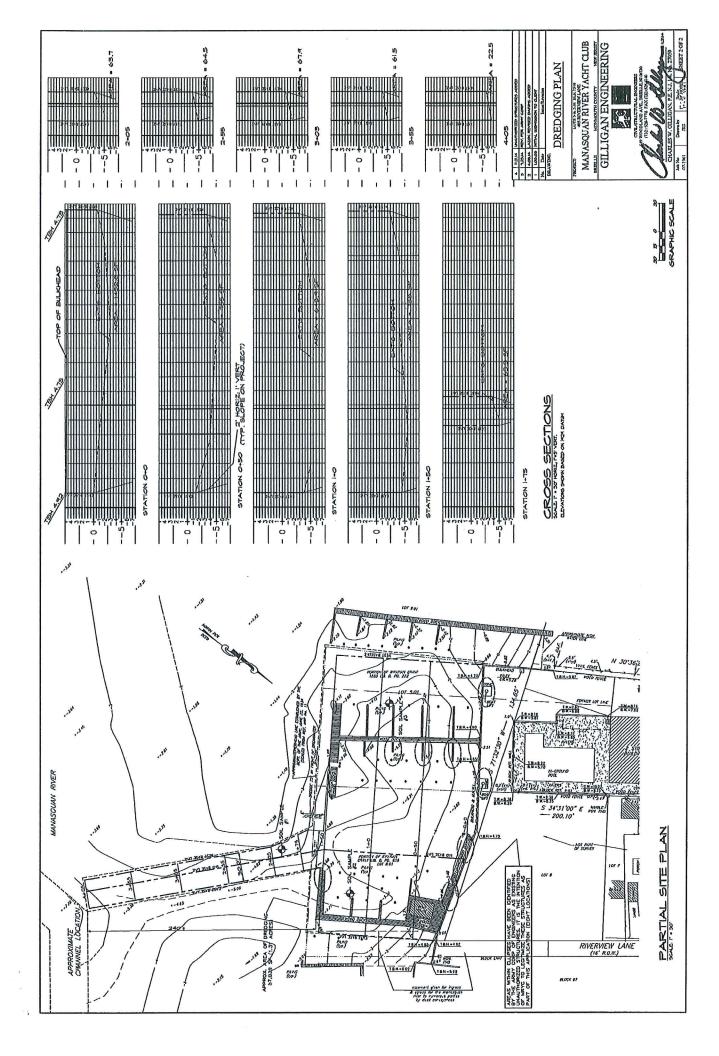
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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

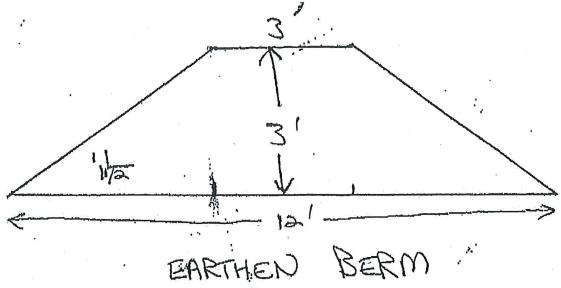


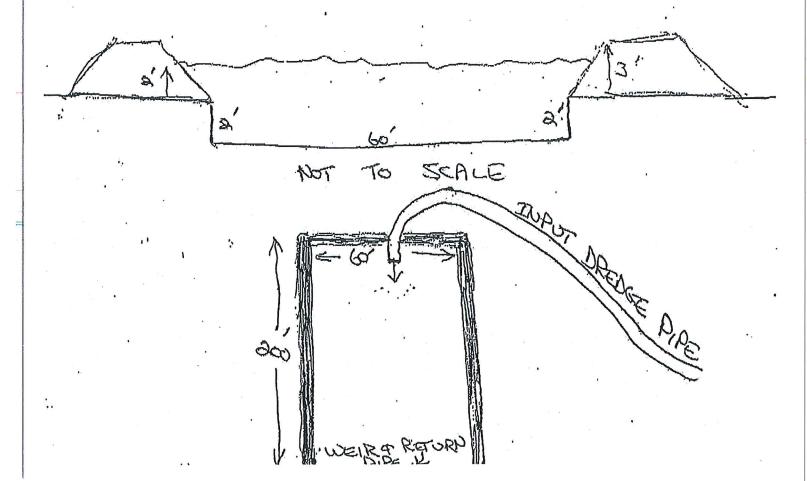




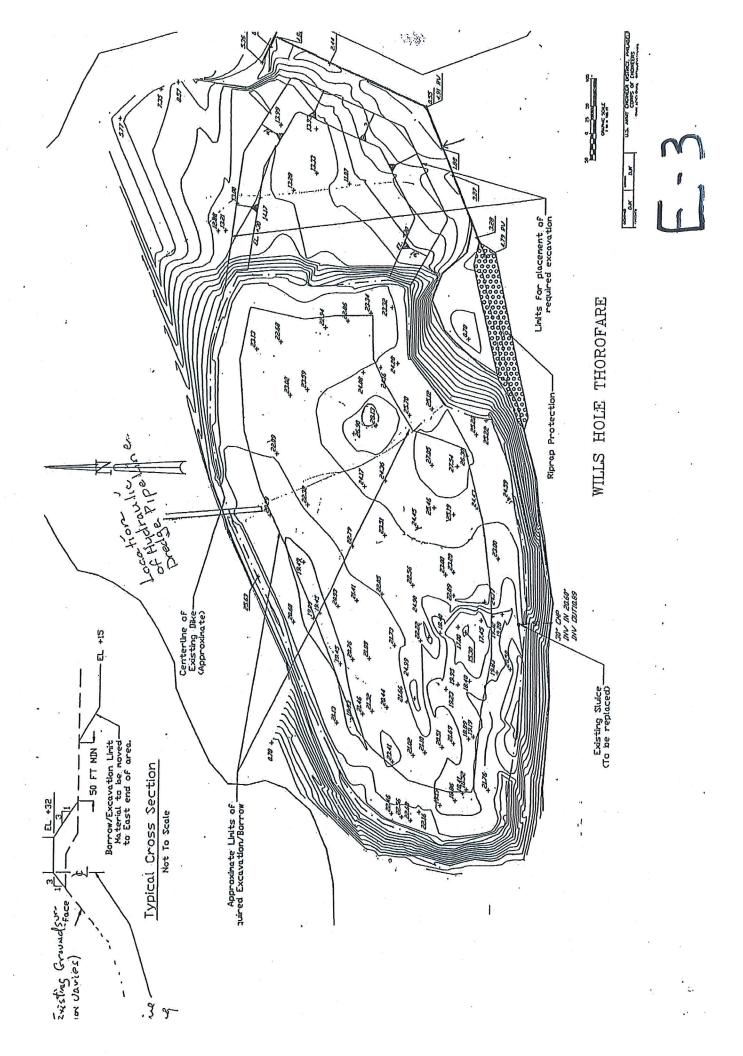
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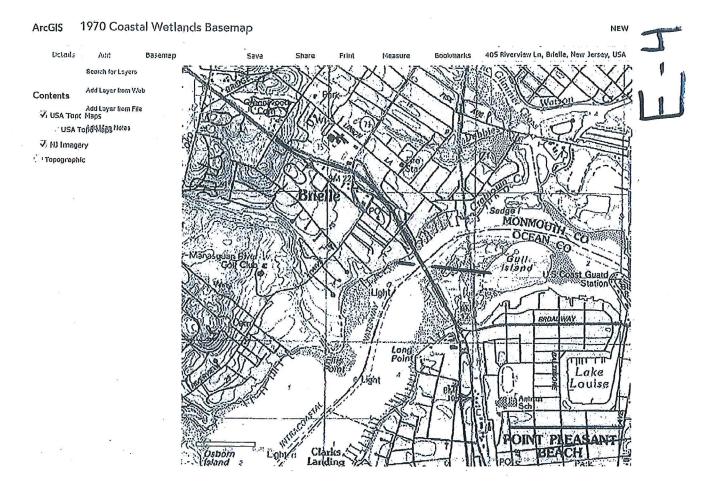






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